



## Weekly Update

October 1, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church

Tea, SD

<sup>1</sup> *God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present<sup>2</sup> help in trouble.*  
<sup>2</sup> *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;*  
<sup>3</sup> *though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*  
<sup>10</sup> *“Be still, and know that I am God!”*

-Psalm 46

Dear friends in Christ,

One of the more well-known verses in the Psalms comes from Psalm 46:10, “Be still, and know that I am God!” What a beautiful passage about calm. These peaceful words become even more meaningful when contrasted to the images in the chapter’s beginning. Verses one through three are anything but peaceful. Roaring water can be beautiful, but it is far from peaceful.

A couple of weeks ago my wife and I were fortunate to travel to Niagara Falls. Talk about a natural roar! Photographs can capture the beauty of the water falling, but a person needs to be standing close to feel their tumultuous power. Being close to the falls was awesome and even a little bit frightening.

After experiencing this place, I have a better appreciation for the images in Psalm 46 about the times when change, shaking, roaring, trembling and tumult are happening in our lives. However, during such times God builds us a shelter to surround us in the middle of the trouble. The image of stillness isn’t one of walking on a pristine beach with a glass smooth lake next to us. Instead, the stillness is a wall of shelter amid the waters of crisis. God is that refuge and strength.

I am grateful that the promise of peace does not rest in our own strength or choice. We are still because we experience the truth of God’s proclamation. “Be still, and know that I am God!”

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom

Attendance: Wednesday (9/22) 6:30pm—49; Sunday (9/26) 8am—61 & 10:30am—203

## CHURCH FINANCES

Week of September 26

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$11,873

Actual Total Giving

\$ 1,248

This one number represents all expenses including staff costs, benevolences, supplies, outreach, and our mortgage payment. If you have questions regarding the budget, please contact Tommy Pollema at 321-3057. **Ways to Give:** Online Giving: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>  
Text Giving: (605) 777-7223 Envelopes: In-person or mail to the church

**Our October Globe offering goes to Lutheran Campus Ministries Program Support**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday—In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 8am & 10:30am 3rd Grade Milestone Celebration; 10:30am Online worship; 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School; 11:30 am New Member Orientation**

**Monday—8:30 am Preschool; 7 pm Prayer & Listening Bible Study**

**Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast; 8pm Executive Board Meeting**

**Wednesday—8:30am Preschool; 9am Quilters; 6:30pm Worship, 7:15pm KFC-6th Grade, Confirmation, High School Youth**

**Thursday—5:30pm TOPS**

**Friday—8:30am Preschool**

**Sunday— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 8am & 10:30am 3rd Grade Milestone Celebration, Welcoming of New Members; 10:30am Online worship; 9:15am Adult Bible Study, 4th Grade Milestone & Sunday School**



### 2021 FRESH EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS DECOR

Our Trinity youth will be selling fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths, crosses, door swags and other evergreen choices this fall. Orders are due on Oct. 20 and will be delivered to the church for you to pick up approximately **mid November**.

Contact your favorite youth directly to place your order or pickup an order form at the Welcome Center. Any questions, please contact Laura Stewart at 605-310-7896 or at [lenandlaura@iw.net](mailto:lenandlaura@iw.net) or the church office.



### Winter Gear Donations Needed

The Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear that is kept at the church and made available to the public. Trinity is currently collecting coats, jackets, snowpants, hats, gloves, and boots that will be made available to our neighbors in the community. Used items are accepted, but please launder before you drop them off. We accept new items as well. Simply drop off the items in the marked basket in The Gathering Space at church.

**MEN'S CHORUS PRACTICE—Sunday, Oct.3 at 7 pm**

**BELL CHORUS PRACTICE—Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 pm**

## **WELCA BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for WELCA Bible Study on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 1:30 pm. We will be covering the Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Revivor and Reformer based on Ezekiel 37:14 and Acts 2:17.

## **FAREWAY & HY-VEE GROCERY SCRIP CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

Everyone needs groceries! Why not use your weekly, bi-weekly or monthly trip to Hy-Vee or Fareway to help fund your camp account. How it works: 5% of your purchase will go into your camp account. For example, you purchase \$100 gift card, you will receive a \$100 gift card and \$5 will go in your camp account. Scrip cards are available on Sunday morning through the worship teams or during business hours Monday - Friday in the church office. Grandparents/Family members/Friends? YOU can still help. Just buy your grocery gift cards from the church and assign your profits to your favorite family or youth's account.

## **MILESTONE MINISTRY**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Milestone Celebration – Sunday, October 3**

**4th Grade Milestone—God and Money**

Lesson #1: Sunday Oct. 10

Lesson #2: Sunday, Oct. 17

Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 24 or Wednesday, Oct. 27

**9th Grade Confirmation—Sunday, Oct. 31 at 10:30 am**

## **Prayer requests for members and friends of our congregation:**

- Stewart Franzen
- Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie
- Sarah Hilmoe's uncle – Fred Tidemann
- Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth
- Melissa Jelen's mom – Janice Myrmoe
- Doug DeJong
- Jeff Olinger's grandmother—Diane Spear
- Marie Karnof
- The family of Mike Westall